Maintenance of Tanks.

244. *MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amount spent for the maintenance of tanks in the Kalkulam taluk in the year 1100 ;

(*b*) the number of tanks maintained ; and

(*c*) whether there are any tanks yet to be maintained in that taluk ?

MR G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) Rs. 664-3.14.

(*b*) Four.

(*c*) No.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : With reference to answer to part (*b*), may I know whether they are major tanks or minor tanks ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I shall read out the names of the tanks so that the member can find out for himself whether they are major tanks or minor tanks. The tanks are (1) Easalurkulam (2) Kumarakoil Periakulam (3) Vembannurkulam (4) Kadiapatanam Periakulam.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : Are there any other tanks in the Kalkulam taluk ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, buildings and Irrigation*) : In the Kalkulam taluk, the only tanks maintained are those in the area commanded by the Kodayar Irrigation Project.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : Are there no other tanks in the taluk ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I think there are.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : Has the Chief Engineer inspected those tanks with a view to see whether they need repair or not ?

MR G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : No, he has not.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : Without making an inspection, how is it he has answered part (*c*) in the negative ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I have already stated that, from 1100, in the Kalkulam taluk, only the tanks within the area commanded by the Kodayar Project are being maintained.

The Proverthi Cutcherry, Kalloopara.

245. *MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether the Division Peishkar of Quilon has, at any time within the last ten years, inspected the Proverthi Cutcherry of Kalloopara *pakuthi* ; and

(*b*) if so, in what year or years ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, in 1107.

The Provertni Cutcherry. Kalloopara.

246. *MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

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(*a*) whether the Land Revenue Commissioner has, at any time, inspected the Proverthi Cutcherry of Kalloopara ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) The Land Revenue Commissioner did not feel any necessity to inspect the Pakuthi Cutcherry, since it is being inspected periodically by the Tahsildar, Tiruvalla, and the Peishkar, Quilon, as also by the Jamabandi Officer at the time of the Jamabandi inspection.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : With reference to the answer to part (*b*), am I to understand that the Land Revenue Commissioner is never in the habit of inspecting Pakuthi Cutcherries ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : Occasionally he does it : and in this particular instance, since answering this interpellation, I have inspected this Pakuthi Cutcherry..

MR. N. E VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : Has the member received representations from the people complaining about the irregularity in this Pakuthi Cutcherry ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : Yes.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : Were those representations received before this answer was prepared ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissoner*) : Government have been receiving such complaints for several years in the past.

MR. N. E VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : In the light of that circumstance, may I ask why the Land Revenue Commissioner did not feel any necessity to inspect the Pakuthi Cutcherry ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : I have already stated that I have myself inspected the Pakuthi Cutcherry quite recently.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) ; Why is it that it has been answered that the Land Revenue Commissioner did not feel any necessity to inspect the Pakuthi Cutcherry ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) ; That was because the Peishkar had inspected it.

MR N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : Does the Land Revenue Commissioner consider that inspection by the Division Peishkar once in 10 years is quite sufficient for efficiency in these Pakuthi Cutcherries ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : The Division Peishkar inspected this Pakuthi Cutcherry last in 1107; so it is only 3 or 4 years since then, and not 10 years.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) But, in the answer to the previous question, it has been stated that during the last 10 years the Peishkar visited this Pakuthi Cutchery only once.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) ; That does not mean that the Peishkar inspects it only once in 10 years. He makes periodical inspections and there is also the inspection by the Jamabandi Officer at the time of the Jamabandi.

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